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REMARKS

Entry of this Amendment is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 since the no new claims or issues are raised and the amendment cancels rejected claims leaving only claims that have been indicated allowable by the Examiner.

Claims 15-24 are all the claims presently pending in this application. Claims 25-27 have been canceled.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's indication that claims 15-24 have been allowed over the prior art of record.

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FORMAL MATTERS AND CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 15-24, all of the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Date:

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (571) 273-8300 the enclosed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to Examiner Dean, Art Unit 2618, on July 6, 2007.

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